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SUBJECT: TSUNAMI ASSISTANCE - FRENCH WILL ASSIGN A LIAISON OFFICER

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We conveyed reftel request for an LNO for tsunami relief January 6 to Bertrand Besancenot, the Defense Minister's Diplomatic Advisor. The Defense Attaché's office made a similar request to its contacts at the MOD's Planning and Operations center. We have been advised that the French are moving quickly to select a candidate, who may be LCL Chadtal, identified in reftel as having received Multinational Planning Augmentation Team training. An as-yet-unidentified senior French officer will contact PACOM to coordinate the assignment.

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